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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE DISCUSSIONS

REFS: A. STATE 230759 B. MOSCOW 16176 (NOTAL)

1. IN REFTEL A SECRETARY HARTMAN PROPOSED TO SOVIETS
THAT US-SOVIET TALKS ON MEASURES TO OVERCOME DANGERS OF USE
OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR MILITARY
PURPOSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 28 IF POSSIBLE. SOVIETS

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HAVE NOW AGREED TO TALKS AND SUGGESTED TIMING, BUT PRO-

POSE THEY BE IN MOSCOW RATHER THAN IN WASHINGTON. IN ORDER TO ALLOW TRAVEL TIME FOR US DELEGATION AND TIME TO MAKE CAREFUL PREPARATIONS FOR DISCUSSIONS, IT IS EXPECTED THAT DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW WEEK OF OCTOBER 28 IN TIME FOR INITIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER FIRST. THEREFORE REQUEST YOU PROPOSE TO SOVIETS THAT TALKS OPEN ON THIS DATE. DELEGATION PREPARED TO WORK THROUGH WEEKEND IN ORDER TO MAKE BEST EFFORT TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARY TALKS BEFORE NOVEMBER SEVEN AND EIGHT SOVIET HOLIDAYS.

2. PROPOSED AGENDA FOR TALKS AND PROPOSED US DELEGATION LIST FOLLOW. YOU MAY PASS AGENDA AND DELEGATION TO SOVIETS TAKING CARE WITH RASMUSSEN AFFILIATION. REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR DELEGATION BE MADE STARTING OCTOBER 31.

DELEGATION WILL NEED WORKING SPACE IN EMBASSY, AND ACCESS TO ACOUSTICAL CONFERENCE ROOM. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES BURDEN THIS PLACES ON EMBASSY, PARTICULARLY IF TTBT-PNE DELEGATION IS IN MOSCOW BEYOND OCTOBER 31, BUT HOPES EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. PERHAPS SPACE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IN DAO'S OFFICE. QUESTION OF DELEGATION PROVIDING INTERPRETER AND SECRETARY UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE AND FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS WILL FOLLOW ASAP. PLEASE INFORM US OF MAKEUP OF SOVIET DELEGATION AND HOST AGENCY, AND NAME OF EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER.

3. PROPOSED AGENDA FOR US-USSR DISCUSSIONS ON LIMITING ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION FOR MILITARY PURPOSES:

PURPOSE: AS AGREED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT OF JULY 3, 1974, TO EXPLORE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURES POSSIBLE TO OVERCOME THE DANGERS OF THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, AND TO DISCUSS WHAT STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO BRING ABOUT SUCH MEASURES.

ITEMS:

(A) CONCEPTUAL APPROACH TO DEFINING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF MEASURES TO OVERCOME THE DANGERS OF THE USE OF
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ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

(B) IDENTIFICATION OF MEASURES TO OVERCOME THE DANGERS OF USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

(C) EFFECTIVENESS OF LIMITATIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL

MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES.

(D) NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN BILATERALLY AND MULTILATERALLY.

4. PROPOSED U.S. DELEGATION FOR US-USSR TALKS ON LIMITING ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION FOR MILITARY PURPOSES: THOMAS D. DAVIES, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, U.S. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY, CHAIRMAN (TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. DAVIES).

PIERCE S. CORDEN, U.S. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

WILLIAM R. MARTIN, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

VIRGIL J. JOHNSON, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ROBERT H. BARAZ, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOHN W. SALMON, JR., DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JAMES H. RASMUSSEN, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, TRAVELLING UNDER DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUSPICES

JOSEPH M. BIRD, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

NOTE: REQUEST EMBASSY DESIGNATE ONE MEMBER FROM STAFF IF WORKLOAD PERMITS. INGERSOLL

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